

## Religion Curriculum Framework for Grade 2

Emphasis: Jesus nourishes and strengthens God's life of grace within us through the Sacraments and the Mass.

### 1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. There is only one God.
- B. In God there are three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C. We call the three Persons in one God the Blessed Trinity.
- D. Jesus is the Son of God.
- E. Jesus is fully God and fully human.
- F. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family.
- G. Jesus suffered and died for us on the cross (the Crucifixion) and rose from the dead (the Resurrection) to save us and bring us new life.
- H. The Bible consists of the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- I. The Old Testament tells about God's People before the birth of Jesus.
- J. The New Testament tells us about the life and teachings of Jesus, and the early Church.

### 2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. There are seven sacraments.
- B. The sacraments are signs, words, and actions, which give grace and celebrate God's love for us.
- C. Grace is God's life in us.
- D. In Baptism we are cleansed of sin and become members of the Church.
- E. At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist when he changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood.
- F. The Eucharist is a sacrament of thanksgiving, sacrifice, unity, peace and justice.
- G. The Mass consists of two parts, the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- H. Sunday is the principle day of the week to celebrate the Eucharist.
- I. In the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation we express sorrow for our sins, receive and celebrate God's forgiveness.
- J. The Church celebrates liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

### 3. Prayer

- A. There are different kinds of prayer: thanksgiving, petition, praise and forgiveness.
- B. The Mass is our greatest prayer.
- C. We prepare prayerfully to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.
- D. We can create sacred space in the home and classroom for prayer.
- E. The Church invites us to pray throughout the day.
- F. Each day we are encouraged to reflect on our relationship with God and others.
- G. Prayers to learn and practice:
  - Act of Sorrow
  - spontaneous prayer
  - meditation – reflection
  - examination of conscience
  - review prayers learned in previous year

#### 4. Morality

- A. Conscience is a gift from God that helps us make right choices.
- B. Conscience is developed through the help of parents, teachers (catechists), Church leaders, and teachings, scripture and prayer.
- C. We are responsible for the choices we make and actions we take.
- D. Sin is choosing to turn away from God.
- E. As God forgives us we are called to forgive others.
- F. Like Christ, we are called to live just and peace-filled lives.

#### 5. Church – The Christian Community

- A. The parish is the center of our worship and of our life in the Christian community.
- B. By the way they lived their lives, Mary and the saints invited others to know Jesus.

#### 6. Ecumenism

- A. We recognize the likenesses and differences in how we worship and praise God.

#### 7. Service

- A. As stewards we are responsible for respecting and caring for God's creation.
- B. We reach out to the poor and less fortunate members of our society.

#### 8. Words to know

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| ambo/ lectern            | chalice             |
| charity                  | Eucharist           |
| grace                    | host                |
| Lectionary               | Liturgy of the Word |
| Liturgy of the Eucharist | parish              |
| penance                  | Pentecost           |
| reconciliation           | reconciliation room |
| resurrection             | sacrament           |
| sanctuary                | tabernacle          |
| Trinity                  |                     |